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SUBJECT: THAI MEDIA REACTION - BUDDHIST CLERGY CRITICIZED
OVER NARCOTICS

IN AN UNPRECEDENTED EDITORIAL, THE MASS-CIRCULATION
DAILY BAN MUANG MARCH 30 CRITICIZES THE THAI BUDDHIST CLERGY
FOR NOT DOING ENOUGH TO DEAL WITH THAILAND'S GROWING NAR-
COTICS ADDICTION PROBLEM. EDITORIAL SAYS THAILAND NOW HAS
SOME 600,000 MARCOTICS ADDICTS, "MOST ARE YOUNGSTERS BET-
WEEN 16 AND 24 YEARS OLD WHO CONSTITUTE 60-70 PER CENT OF THE
ADDICT POPULATION." THAI ADDICTS SPEND \$540 MILLION ANNUAL
TO SUPPORT THEIR HABITS, EDIT DECLARES, CAUSING A SERIOUS
ECONOMIC LOSS TO THE NATION.

EDIC CONCLUDES, "ONE ORGANIZATION THAT SEEMS TO NEGLECT
THIS PROBLEM IS THE CLERGY, EXCEPT THE MONASTERY AT THAM
KRABOK. MOST OTHER MONASTERIES PLAY ONLY A SMALL ROLE.
WE, THEREFORE, WISH TO SEE OUR PRIESTS PARTICIPATE IN ELIMI-
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NATING THISSCAUSE OF ECONOMIC LOSS (FROM NARCOTICS), REGARDING
THISAS A DUTY TOWARD SOCIETY AND THE NATION IF THE RELIGION
ITSELF IS TO LAST PERMANENTLY."

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